

## ANNABELLE FIRST TOWN TO GO OVER THE TOP IN THE WAR SAVINGS DRIVE

Speakers for These Meetings  
Have Been Assigned.

### LAST NIGHT'S MEETINGS

Many Pledges Were Secured at Some of Them.

Annabelle is the first Marion county town to go over the top in the War Savings Stamp campaign. The society was organized in that town June 15 with A. C. Beeson, general manager of the Four States mine as president, and Isaac Shupe, of the Four States office, as secretary. The quota of the town is \$14,000. Without the loss of a minute the Annabelle hustlers got to work and this morning they were able to report to Colonel Howard Fleming, at drive headquarters that they had 189 pledge cards with a total of \$14,200. They did not take much time out to make the report, however, for they are out to make it as high as possible while the spirit is on. It was said at headquarters this morning that a whole lot of the credit for this splendid showing is due to Mr. Beeson and Mr. Shupe.

Keen interest is manifest in the series of rural meetings, which were held last evening in various communities in Marion county. The attendance appears to increase as the campaign waxes in enthusiasm.

At Harter Hill last evening L. M. Davis delivered an address before a large assemblage. The vocal music was in charge of Misses Ethel and Mabel Toothman. This meeting was arranged by the community captain who is George Tate. The quota of the town is \$3,000. J. H. Ashcraft was elected president and W. H. Wood secretary of the War Savings society.

Attorney H. H. Rose last evening addressed fifty people at Hess and \$500 was raised of the \$3,000 quota assessed against the town. The meeting bristled with interest and much credit is reflected upon John W. Miner, the captain of the community. A war savings society was formed with B. F. Davis as president and J. W. Crouser as secretary.

A stirring meeting was held last evening at Hutchinson when addresses were delivered by M. L. Brown and Mrs. J. A. Meredith. The vocal music was led by Miss Shafferman and Miss Katherine Troxell. The town's quota is \$3,000. The meeting was arranged by the captains, Luke Murray and Mrs. Lee Curry. The officers of the war savings society are: President, Luke Murray; secretary, Mrs. Lee Curry.

More than one-half of the town's quota was raised last evening at a meeting, which was held at Hammond yesterday. The speakers were Hon. R. A. Pollock and Mrs. N. R. C. Morrow. C. H. Bloom had charge of the music. Of the \$6,000 quota the amount raised is \$3,800. The captains of the community are Philip Vangilder and Mrs. P. Vangilder. The officers of the savings society formed are: President, Philip Vangilder; secretary, P. D. Shaffer.

Hickman's Run turned out well last evening when a flag was raised in conjunction with the war savings stamp drive. The speakers were Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Stoetzer and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Becker. The captains of the community are Mr. and Mrs. George B. Giffin. The officers of the war savings society which was formed are: President, George L. Kerr; secretary, Prof. G. C. Barb. The music was in charge of Prof. and Mrs. W. D. Barings.

Meetings to be held in the local churches on Sunday are as follows: (Continued on page four.)

**WANTED**  
At once, one first class  
Blacksmith. Apply  
Owens Bottle Machine Co.

Consult the Union Dentists  
for expert dental services. Our  
prices are reasonable. Offices over  
McCrory 5 and 10c store. All  
work guaranteed.

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Wanted boy aged 16 to 19 years  
for shipping clerk. Position open  
only to young man who wishes  
permanent position. Ask for Mr.  
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& Publishing Co.**  
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## Think Germans Will Strike at British Next

Crown Prince Rupprecht's  
Army is in Good Condition  
for New Effort.

PARIS, June 21.—(By Havas Agency)—Grave events are impending on the British front, according to military experts who see in the intensity of the German cannonade at various points the preliminary steps of a new German attack.

It is pointed out that the Fourth army group under Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, has had leisure for reorganization during the three weeks since it was engaged in battle and now is ready for a new effort.

## LAWRENCE BOWERS WAS WOUNDED IN ACTION IN FRANCE

Injuries, Sustained June 6,  
Are Described as  
Serious.

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, June 21.—The Marine Corps casualty list issued today contains 127 names divided as follows: Killed in action, 10; died of wounds, 19; wounded severely, 95. The list includes:  
Died of wounds—Privates Stanley P. Carpenter, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Charles H. Carey, Salem, Ohio; Robert D. Drainer, Ashland, O.  
Wounded severely—Sergeant Raymond A. O. Keefe, Carnegie, Pa.; Privates Dale Carpenter, Swanton, O.; James E. McGuire, Hackerville, Va.; W. Va.; Corporal Peter P. Rich, Alden, Pa.; Raymond F. Simpson, Columbia, Pa.; Joseph F. Wmuk, Mahaffey, Pa.; Lawrence Bowers, Fairmont, W. Va.; Foster J. Burton, Martin's Ferry, O.; Corporal George P. Hunter, Davisport, Pa.

Lawrence Bowers, aged 25, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. P. Bowers, of 52 Factory street. He has been in the U. S. Marines for three years, going to France with one of the very first contingents last June. During this time he has been to the front many times and has experienced the fiercest of fighting.

In his last letter received in April, he told that he was in the best of health and insisted that his friends back home should not worry about him because he was getting along fine. This letter which was optimistic throughout was the last message Mr. Bowers received from his son until last night he received a telegram from Major General George Barnett, commandant of the United States Marines, stating that his son, Lawrence Bowers had been severely wounded in action on June 6. The telegram stated that no particulars of his condition could be received and that the government would send them any further information received concerning his condition.

Before enlisting in the Marines three years ago Bowers spent two years in this city and is well known here, especially around the shaft mine of the Consolidation Coal company, where he was employed.

His father and six children, Winifred, Alma, Florence, Marie, Alice and Frank, reside at their home in this city. Another brother, Fred Bowers, resides at Riverview.

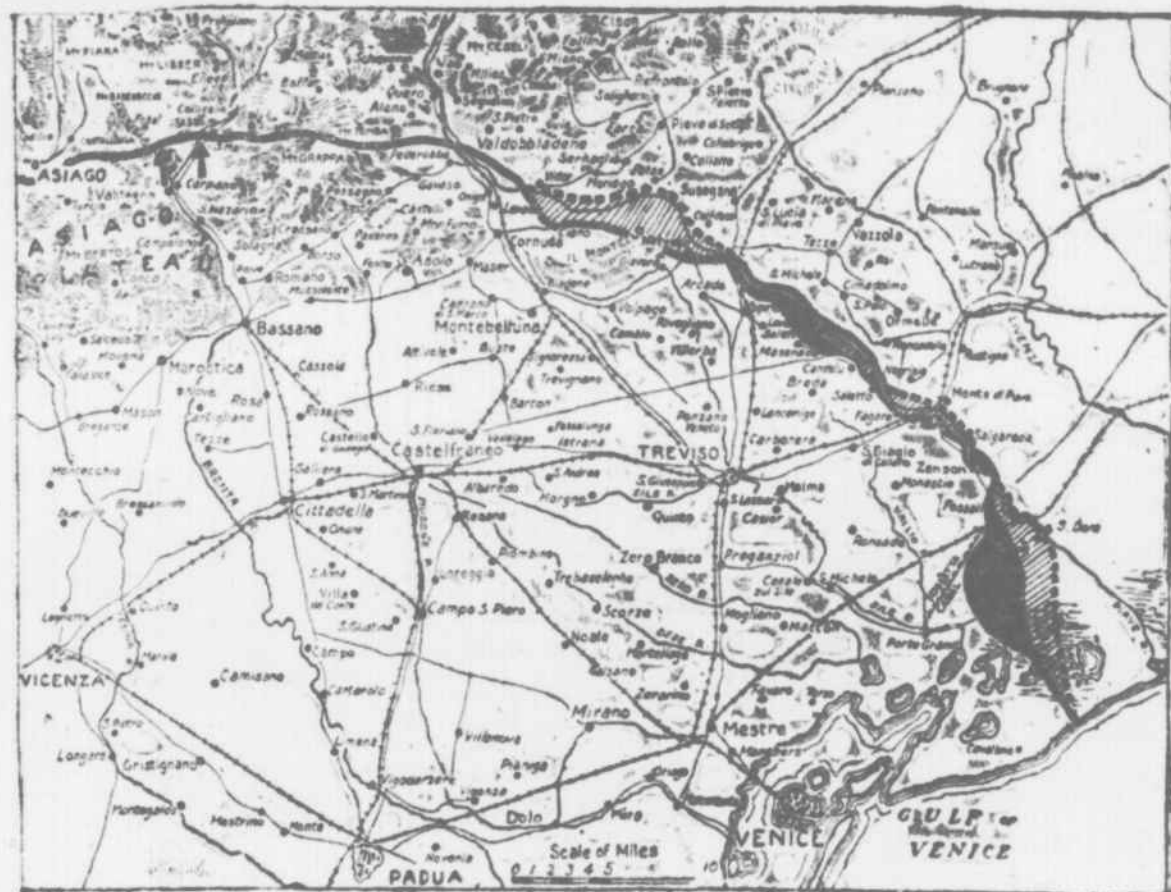
WASHINGTON, June 21.—The army casualty list today contains 38 names divided as follows: Killed in action, 5; died of wounds, 1; died of disease, 3; wounded severely, 27; wounded, degree undetermined, 1. The list includes:  
Severely wounded—Corporal Alex P. Quimp, Conifer, Pa.; Privates Alexander Bolas, Forbes road, Pa.; John F. M. Minter, Erie, Pa.

**AVIATION INSTRUCTOR KILLED.**  
ST. LOUIS, June 21.—Lieut. J. R. Wheeler, of St. Louis, was killed today when the machine in which he was flying with John N. Raster, a cadet, fell one mile at Scott field.

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Structural shop workers, layer out, assemblers, and air hammer operators for riveting, chipping and calking. Also first class machinists. Good wages, steady employment.  
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## AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE IN ITALY THREATENS TO BECOME DISASTER

### THE ITALIAN WAR THEATRE



This map shows northeastern Italy in detail. The small gains made by the Austrians at the beginning of their offensive are indicated by solid black. The points at which Allied counter attacks gained ground for the defenders are shown by arrows. The shaded area is territory taken by the Austrians since the drive began, some of which they have since been compelled to give up.

## AUSTRIANS NOW ON THE DEFENSIVE ALONG THE PIAVE

Situation at Home Grows  
Worse as Tide  
Turns.

### GREAT STRIKE IN VIENNA

People Demands More Food  
But There is None to  
Give Them.

Austria's offensive against Italy apparently has resolved itself into a defensive movement both in the mountains and along the Piave.

While facing allied counter attack on the fighting front the Austrian government is being harassed in Vienna and elsewhere by popular break caused by food conditions.

Spurred on by their successful resistance Italian troops are making repeated attacks against the enemy position west of the Piave and have gained some ground. In the mountain around Asiago Franco-Italian troops have reoccupied important positions.

Wednesday the bag of Austrian prisoners aggregated nearly 2000 bringing the total captured to 11,000. The fighting is now in its seventh day and the Austrians west of the Piave probably are in a more precarious position than at any time since last Saturday.

Around Montello on the northern end of the Piave line the Austrians have been driven back slightly. Their efforts to advance near Venzon near the center of the line have been checked with severe losses.

Heavy rains are reported in the mountains and these may add to the torrents in the Piave which already has washed away many bridges. With the flooded river behind the enemy the Italian counter attacks are gaining in strength in an effort to wipe out or capture the troops which have crossed the Piave and have been unable to advance into the Venetian plains.

Giots are reported in the suburbs of Vienna and 100,000 workmen in important war manufacturing there are on strike. The workmen continue to demand more bread and the agitation is spreading.

Germany appears unable to help because it is faced with a serious food situation itself.

## WORTHINGTON TO BE WIRELESS MAN

Begins Next Wednesday to  
Train in New York  
City.

Edgar R. Worthington, general secretary of the Fairmont Y. M. C. A., returned this morning from New York city, where he has signed up in the radio signal corps of the United States army. Mr. Worthington will leave Fairmont on Monday and will start at the training school in New York city which is located at the College of the City of New York on Wednesday. The course of study will cover three months.

Mr. Worthington came to Fairmont as Boys' work secretary at the local Y. M. C. A. three years ago. For the past five months after the resignation of Mr. Kibbey he was full fledged general secretary. Mr. Worthington has been very popular about the local association and he has a host of friends. After Prof. George W. Bickley left for cantonment work Mr. Worthington handled the athletic classes at the Y. M. C. A. and did his work very efficiently.

Mr. Worthington is a native of old Virginia, although his parents reside in New York city.

## Americans Hold 38 Miles of Western Front

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, June 21.—American soldiers are now holding the fighting line for a distance of 38 miles on the western front, according to information given committee today. At the weekly conference with Secretary Baker and General March chief of staff.

## AMERICAN AIRMEN BOMB PIAVE BRIDGE

Italian Commander Com-  
mends the Work of Amer-  
ican Fliers.

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS  
June 21.—(By Associated Press)—The first American aviators to fly on the Italian front went today on a bombing expedition and succeeded in blowing two holes in a new Austrian bridge across the Piave river. The commander of the Italian aviation camp expressed satisfaction with the work of the Americans. The aviation forces on this front are displaying the most intense activities.

## Questionnaires Here For the Twenty-ones

Questionnaires for the one hundred and thirty-nine young men who registered in this city on June 5 have been received by the local draft board. The local board has received no instructions as to how and when they will be filled out. It is likely that the same method which was used in the first registration will be followed out. The questionnaires will be mailed out to each registrant with instruction to fill out and return them before a certain fixed date. It is probable also that the legal advisory board will be asked to assist in filling out the questionnaires. The registrants will then be classified and this will be followed by the physical examinations.

## Local Eastern Star Installs Officers

Fairmont Chapter, Eastern Star, last evening installed the following officers at its meeting: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Ora Fleming; associate matron, Mrs. Olive Dancer; worthy patron, L. N. Wetzel; secretary, Miss Helen Fleming; treasurer, Mrs. Mary J. Welsh; conductress, Miss Olive Davis; associate conductress, Mrs. Ward Downs; Ada, Mrs. Myrtle Cochran; Ruth, Miss Virginia Vockrodt; Esther, Mrs. Gusella Palmer; Martha, Miss Jay Satterfield; Electa, Mrs. George Lee; George, Mrs. Cora L. Morrey; sentinel, Warder Lee; organist, Mrs. C. H. Hill. The officers were installed by Mrs. Della Brand, district deputy grand matron. A luncheon followed the meeting.

## Many Violations of The Child Labor Law

Factory Inspector Alonzo Prince who is in the city on an official visit says he is having a great deal of trouble because of the employment of boys and girls in violation of the state child labor law. Even during the school vacation period it is unlawful to employ children below 14 and those between 14 and 16 may not work unless they have permits. This also applies during vacation as well as during the time when school is in session.

Mr. Prince says that most of the trouble is due to ignorance of the law. In one town he found even the school authorities wholly wrong about it. This trip he is merely warning employers. The next trip around if he finds children illegally employed he will institute prosecutions.

## SAYS AUSTRIAN LOSSES ARE HEAVY

Premier Orlando Makes Op-  
timistic Statement to  
Italian Parliament.

(By Associated Press)  
ROME, June 21.—The efforts of the Austrians to widen the northeastern salient on the Montello, the keystone of the Piave front toward the west have failed, Premier Orlando said in Parliament tonight.

Toward the south, the Premier stated, the enemy again succeeded in crossing the Nonthelluna-Fusegana railroad at several points near the Niverna station but was promptly stopped. On the lower Piave the Italians gained more ground.

The enemy losses during the day were enormous, the Premier added. The Italians took several hundred prisoners.

## JOHN H. SUMMERS KILLED IN ACTION

Clarksburg Lad Had Rela-  
tives in Fairmont and  
Worked Here.

John H. Summers, a half brother of Mrs. Lydia Malone Foster, and Mrs. Howard Adams of this city and up until within a short time of his enlistment in the United States army a resident of Fairmont, has been killed in action in France according to a message received in Clarksburg yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Summers.

He was born in Clarksburg and worked in the Plumkinick and Pittsfield, Harry B. and Consolidation mines at various times and was also employed for a time with the B. & O. railroad. Summers left this city last spring and a short time after enlisted in the army and was sent to France in July. Letters received by friends from time to time said that he had been active service. He is believed to have been killed while engaged in his third encounter with the enemy. He was a member of Company L, 23 N. Y. Infantry and after his enlistment went to the Columbus Barracks and later to Syracuse where he was placed in the New York Guard.

His aged parents are prostrated with grief over his death. He was 26 years of age and voluntarily went into the army. His parents were twice married and he is survived by the following own brothers Will E. Summers and Mrs. W. H. Green of Clarksburg and Thomas E. Summers of Pennsylvania and by two half sisters Mrs. Lydia Malone Foster and Mrs. Howard Adams of this city. A half brother Pat Summers is believed to be in the army though his whereabouts are not known. Another half brother Carl Summers was killed in a street car accident on the Monongahela Valley lines a few years ago. The deceased is well known in this city.

## LOCAL FIGHTS ONLY ALONG WEST FRONT

Enemy Patrols Encountered  
By Americans Were Made  
to Suffer.

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, June 21.—Enemy patrols suffered considerable losses northwest of Chateau Thierry and in the Woerre region. General Pershing reported today in his communiqué for yesterday.

In the Chateau Thierry and Woerre region and in Lorraine artillery fighting continues. Along the Piave the Italian positions are virtually unchanged. The Austrians are fighting well but the Italians are outclassing them. It is believed that the Italians would have driven the Austrians back across the river before this time but for the nature of the open fighting which an American on this front said reminded him of the Indian combats in the old days. Knife fighting and bush whacking methods are necessary although they are not favored by the military authorities because of the confusion and danger of firing upon their own men especially where large bodies of troops are engaged.

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No fear is felt in Venice that the Austrians will get there. The correspondent on visiting the city, found an absence of excitement and there was no intention to leave on the part of the inhabitants.

Large stocks of bandages which the American Red Cross has had on hand in Venice for the last few months, have proved most useful to the Italian wounded.

## Three Local Doctors Will Leave Monday

Dr. Carter Fleming, of Fairmont; Dr. E. B. Smith, of Barrackville, and Dr. C. M. Vaughan, of Idamay, will leave Monday evening for Camp Greenleaf, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where they will enter government service.

The three men will be the first Marion county physicians to volunteer. Many local and out of town friends will be at the station to bid them farewell.

## Revolution Likely To Start in Bohemia

COPENHAGEN, June 21.—The situation at Prague, Bohemia, and the industrial centers in that district, says the Neue Freie Presse, of Vienna, has become so serious that the Austrian government will either be compelled to increase the bread rations or run the risk of still further exciting the working people.

In the latter event the newspapers declare railway communication would be cut off and a revolution would break out.

## Postpone Action on Bone Dry Measure

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, June 21.—After a three-hour session the Senate Agriculture committee today decided to postpone action on the Jones prohibition bill and to reopen hearings for the purpose of further investigation statements made by Bambridge Colby of the Shipping board, that to take beer away from shipyard employees would reduce the output of American yards 25 per cent.

## AUSTRIAN EFFORT ON PIAVE RIVER HAS REACHED END

Must Now Strike Along  
Brenta or Confess  
Failure.

### FIGHT LIKE INDIANS

American Bandages Stored  
at Venice Have Been  
Great Aid.

### ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS

June 21.—(By Associated Press)—The second phase of the Austrian offensive featured by attacks to the right and left of Valstagna along the Brenta river and in the mountains should logically begin soon, now that the efforts on the Piave have failed. It is felt that if the Austrians do not renew their efforts to penetrate to the plains through the Brenta region and taking Monte Grappa it would be an acknowledgment of defeat and their inability to carry out the ambitious plan launched a week ago.

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## BALL PLAYERS WILL HAVE TO GO TO WORK

No Ruling Yet But That is  
Almost certain to  
Result.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, June 21.—New regulations issued to draft boards today by Provost Marshal General Crowder to govern the application of the work or fight order do not rule specifically upon the status of professional baseball players or other classes which may be affected but emphasized the section of the order placing games and sports among the occupations classed as nonuseful.

In an oral statement announcing the regulation officials of Gen. Crowder's office said: "At present the occupation of a baseball player is regarded as non-productive but until a case had been appealed from a local board there will be no ruling on the subject. Local boards will consider cases of which all drawers of the 3d classification with comment sent."

While sales clerks in stores and clerical workers in offices are classed as non producers boards are directed to exempt department store executives and skilled workers attached to such establishments. Traveling salesmen will be considered as engaged in productive employment, but automobile salesmen in cities will not, it was explained. Public or private chauffeurs are held to be non producers only when they combine other work with their mechanical duty.